

WEST WINDOW

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EAST WINDOW

ON display in our East Window is an array of gift suggestions that you cannot afford to miss; the chance of seeing, as it contains so many beautiful articles that both young and old will appreciate.



Sleep?

Does a dry cough keep you awake?

KEMP'S BALSAM

Will stop the tickle that makes you cough.
GUARANTEED



Making Good Chocolates

is an art which can be developed only by extensive experience.

That our Valeur Bittersweets are the result of experience and the use of Highest Quality Materials is evident when they are tasted. The delightful flavor and soft center with such a smooth texture is proof enough of their worth.

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Brooks' CHOCOLATES

With
Heartiest Wishes
for a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year



GRATIOT COUNTY
GAS COMPANY

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

DeLuxe candies.—77-tf-c

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-tf-c

Clarence Goodrich of Elsie was in Alma on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Myrn Hill are spending Christmas with relatives in Sheridan.

Dee Boardman is spending Christmas at the home of his parents in Middleton.

Orville Allen of the Northern Wheel company was in Saginaw on business Tuesday.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

No gloss on your garments when pressed by the St. Alma Tailors. (gold lettered sign)—ad.

Ross Scherhorn left Tuesday for Bad Axe, where he will spend the holidays with his parents.

Rye bread, Graham bread and Salt Rising bread can be had at the Model Bakery. Don't forget it.—24-4.

Miss Ruth Babcock has gone to Constantine for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Ingersoll.

Roy Richards left yesterday for Detroit, where he will spend Christmas and the week end with friends.

Carleton Spooner of Detroit visited with Alma friends Wednesday, while enroute to Ithaca to spend the holiday.

Cookies, pies, fried cakes, cakes and a general line of baked goods fresh each day at Model Bakery.—24-4.

The post office will be closed all day on New Year's, so that the clerks and carriers may have an opportunity to take advantage of the holiday.

The plants of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. will be closed Christmas, so that all of the employees of the concern may enjoy the holiday.

Cadet Anthony Tucker of St. Johns Military Academy, Delafield, Wis., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Babcock of Farmington are spending the holidays in this city, guests at the home of the former's father, H. S. Babcock.

Reed Ruggles, who has been attending school in the east this year, is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ruggles, during the holidays.

The members of the city commission were presented with a box of real cigars and a fine box of chocolates Tuesday evening, compliments of the Alma police force.

Fred Burt, local farmer, is seeking \$57.20 damages from the city for sheep killed and injured by dogs at his farm on November 13. Justice Rogers in handling the matter for him.

Commencing January 1st the Ford Garage will close on Sundays with the exception of the following hours during the day, 8:00 to 9:00 a. m. and 6:00 to 7:00 p. m. C. M. Johnson, Prop. 26-2-c

The meeting of the city commission Tuesday evening was called an hour later than usual, due to the fact that most of the commissioners and Mayor Murphy were exceedingly busy in their stores.

Henry C. Reynolds, who has lived here for about three years, passed away early Tuesday morning at his home on Grant avenue, at the age of 72 years. The body is being shipped to Fremont for burial.

The first collegiate game for the Alma College basketball five is only two weeks away, being billed for January 9, with the Mt. Pleasant Normal aggregation at Mt. Pleasant. The game will call for the best that Coach Wood's men have, if it is to be won.

Territory Taken From Spain.
At the close of the war with Spain the American government obtained possession of Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippines, agreeing to pay Spain \$20,000,000 and give Spanish ships special trading privileges in the Philippines for ten years. Neither statehood nor citizenship was promised to any of the islands taken over and they are governed as territorial possessions.

Thriving Table Leg.
Among the furnishings of a South Carolina home, says Popular Mechanics magazine, is a small willow table that is the talk of the neighborhood. Although it has been kept indoors and far from any moisture ever since it was built and properly painted, several months ago, one leg is now the proud parent of four leafy sprouts, which thrive in their strange surroundings.

Natural Barometer.
One of the simplest of nature's barometers is a spider's web. When there is a prospect of wind or rain the spider shortens the filaments by which its web is sustained and leaves it in this state as long as the weather is variable. If it elongates its threads, it is a sign of fine, calm weather.

A Big Box of Candy

will cause more pleasure to a woman than anything else you can purchase for ten times the money. Between meals, when she has that "candy hunger," and just after meals, as a kind of finishing dessert a few pieces of candy "touch the spot" as only candy can.



DeLuxe Candy Company

STATE STREET

Cabaret

Open
all the
Time

Good Music

FOREST HILL

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Richardson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Plowman and daughters, Mabel and Florence, at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hunt entertained the latter's brother from Illinois last week.

A number from here attended the Inman sale at Coe Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sullivan were Saginaw visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bowman visited relatives at Breckenridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reardon and family of Alma spent the week end with relatives in town.

Mesdames Post and Daily were Alma shoppers Wednesday.

James Towersey is visiting relatives in Illinois.

Miss Blanche Hamilton of Saginaw came Monday to spend the holiday vacation with her parents.

About fifty neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leland gathered at their home Monday evening for a farewell visit before they left for their new home in Alma.

Refreshments were served and all departed for their several homes at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Leland the best of luck in their new home. They presented Mr. and Mrs. Leland with a fine aluminum coffee percolator as a token of friendship.

Advance of Japanese Women.

Japan is making remarkable progress in all lines of industry and in the development of modern ideas and thought, declared an officer of the Young Women's Christian association, who returned from the Flowery Kingdom a short time ago.

Particularly interesting she said, is the changed attitude toward the Japanese woman who is now being admitted to the big universities in Japan and given a freedom to develop herself along educational lines that has heretofore been rigidly denied her.

"This new attitude toward the Japanese woman is the most revolutionary thing in the change of thought and serves to illustrate the progress that is being made.

Shoes Worth More Than Pigs.

A shoe manufacturer, so this story is told, raises pigs on the side. He sold one the other day. He got \$90 for it. The buyer paid him 42 cents a pound for it, and it weighed over 400 pounds.

"A good price you got for that pig," remarked a friend.

"Not so very much so," replied the shoe manufacturer.

"Well, \$90 for one pig looks like a good price to me," answered the critic. "It is more than you get for shoes."

"That is not so," responded the manufacturer. "I sell my shoes at the rate of \$5 a pound, and for 400 pounds of shoes, I would get \$2,000. So, you see, shoes are worth a lot more than pigs."—Brockton Enterprise.

Canned Music Lures Seals.

Seal hunters of the Pacific are said to be meeting with great success through the use of the phonograph in luring seals to their death. A large instrument is employed and is set up near the rendezvous of the seals. They gather in the vicinity and remain with their heads out of the water listening to the music, thus giving the hunters opportunities to shoot them.—Fishing Gazette.

Really Not Their Fault.

Marjorie and Clea are prim little sisters, and as there is a baby brother mamma has some trouble putting on the last touches and getting them away to school mornings. In the interest of discipline their teacher was obliged to lecture them on tardiness and next morning they were late as usual. She waited for them at the door, trying to look stern, but Clea upset all her dignity and cut her lecture short by observing: "Well, we can't help it if you ring the bell too soon."

Most Splendid Christmas Gift

How to Make a Little Money Go Farthest

A New and Better Way of Saving

The 20 Payment Life Option Policy of the Old Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company is in reality a 20 Year Savings Fund Policy

This plan takes care of the annual savings and converts them into a positive guarantee fund for the protection of your family and yourself. It is the savings bank and insurance protection combined in a convenient, attractive and practical arrangement. If you can save but a small sum annually, it will create at once an estate of thousands of dollars, payable immediately in case of your death to your beneficiary, although you may have made but one annual deposit, thus providing for those whom you desire to protect. In the event that you survive and make your annual deposits for the twenty year period, you will have created and fully paid for an estate for the support of your beneficiary, or if you prefer, there will be returned to you at that time, in a lump sum, all of your accumulated savings or deposits without any deductions whatever. In that event your protection during the entire twenty years has cost you nothing, the aggregate of your annual savings having all been returned to you. At the age of 30, a savings deposit of

\$100.00 a year will create an estate of \$2,896.87

At the end of the twentieth year, having made your deposits each year, you will have an estate fully paid up for this sum (\$2,896.87) and you will receive in cash, the additional sum of \$526.81, or if you prefer, you may, as above stated, withdraw in cash your total deposits, amounting to \$2,000.00.

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